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3. Why do you wish to work for this organization?

Our world is facing many problems...dwindling energy resources, expanding population, increasing destruction of the environment, etc... When I first began to take note and form opinions on world problems, I, like hundreds of other young college people, decided I was going to do something about it....change the world. Well, the bad news is that I can't. No one can. The good news, however, is that it will change. The world's current downward direction of resource depletion and pollution will eventually level off and start back up. It must in order for mankind to survive. This is definite.

The ambiguity comes into the picture when you try and predict the world's economic and political structure at the destructive/constructive turning point. I am extremely proud and feel very lucky to be a citizen of the United States. Our productive economic system, democratic government, and constitutional Bill of Rights allows for freedom and a quality of life unequalled by any other system. It provides incentive to excel, to optimize on potential whereby our quality of life keeps improving. A Marxian Socialistic society, even though an easier, uncomplicated form of government, does not provide this incentive, freedom, or means for optimal productivity. What is worse is that it can lead to blind, irrational aggression on behalf of the people following the leadership of an "all providing" power/capital/resource hungry government.

Until we hit that destructive/constructive turning point (described above), there will be some difficult times. Resources will be scarce. An atmosphere of strife and aggression will become evident. Our democratic government and capitalistic economic system can and will survive these times and continue to provide an optimal quality of life. However, our country and similar countries will need a strong defense against aggression. A strong defense begins with strong intelligence. The Central Intelligence Agency provides this tremendous service to this country. The more we know about foreign aggression, weapons, etc., the more efficient, effective and non-violent our relations with these "aggression" countries can be.

Although methods are somewhat irrational, the Central Intelligence Agency provides a non-substitutable means to helping solve world conflicts rationally. I believe in the agency and want to be a part of it.